

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019; EAST AMWELL MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:33 PM by Secretary Sara Monus who read the following: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it was noted that this is an Ordinary Meeting of the East Amwell Recreation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 20, 2018 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the agenda was posted on the municipal bulletin board and Township website.

2019 ATTENDANCE A = Absent; E = Excused (quorum = 5 members)

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Recreation Committee Member (term expires)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
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Alison Castellano Chairperson (12/31/21)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Michael Atzert (12/31/21)	X	7:4 2	X	E	X	X	X	X	A			
Pete Fick (12/31/20)	X	X	X	X	A	X	7:3 7	A	X			
Erica Johanson (12/31/20)	X*	E	X	E	X*	X*	X	X*	A			
Thyra Zengel (proposed 12/31/19)	X	X	A	X	E	A	7:4 2	A	X			
Michele Doherty (12/31/20)	A	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X			
Shayna Hendrix								X	X			
Vacant (since 5/2019)												
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Taytum Timmerman (youth member)								X	X			
Chris Sobieski (Township Committee)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	7:3 1	A			

Others present:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: NONE

OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: August 15, 2019 – Minutes will be accepted next meeting since there were only 2 committee members at both August and September meetings.

PRESENTATION OF UPDATED RECREATION BUDGET: A. Castellano said it was sent via email and the balance available is \$822.38

REPORTS:

- A. Clawson Park** – No real update. Rick Wolfe mentioned the possibility of a permanent volleyball net being donated for the park. Still possible for county to help with the tennis courts/multi purpose area.
- B. Township Committee** – No update.
- C. FOSPC** – No Update
- D. Senior Citizens** – No Update

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Clawson Park 501.C.3 - No update
- B. Friday Nights – A.Castellano said it was a great event, loads of people. People love it and would love more of them! People love the live music and we have a few more ideas for local musicians.
- C. Community Yard Sale – T. Zengel said she has hung signs and she has the maps printed out. We have 16 participants. This is the first year so this will grow. Maybe need to get some yard sign and sandwich boards for future sales. T. Zengel will put sandwich boards out at high traffic intersections. There was discussion on moving date a little or adding another one in the spring.
- D. NY Botanical Gardens Blues & Beer/Longwood Gardens– S. Hendrix said it is too expensive and close to the Longwood Gardens trip. This one will be cancelled. Longwood Gardens bus is booked and the date is December 7, 2019. P. Fick asked how that date came about because that is when the Christmas tree is being lit. A. Castellano mentioned we spoke at a previous meeting that the tree lighting would be moved. The committee decided the Tree lighting would be December 6, 2019 at 6:00 - 8:00. Bus will cost \$916.19. Cost - Adults \$43.00, Seniors \$40.00, Kids 5-18 \$31.00, under 5 \$22.00. Looks like a very nice event with food and beautiful lights and decorations. S. Hendrix will look into what happens if weather is bad. Oct 31 will be deadline!
- E. Pie In the Park - A. Castellano said that the previous meeting we decided to use October 13th but the grange has an ongoing event on that day so we will change or event to October 27th. 1pm-4pm. We will try to have pie eating contest, possible music, scarecrow building pie baking contest, fall like games.
- F. Park and Recreation – A. Castellano said the Ordinance passed quorum will be now majority not 5 committee members.

PRESENTATION OF INVOICES: None**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

NEW/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- A. VIP and Website Articles/Content – A. Castellano said VIP has rewritten some of the articles confusing Grange, Parks and Recreation and Environmental Committee. We will continue to put in our dates and flyers.

- B. 2019 events – A. Castellano said we have the Pie in The Park, Longwood Gardens and the Tree Lighting left for events of the year. Flyers will be made for all events. There is a new EVENTS page on the website for all of our events to be found. The tree lighting will be Dec. 6 6pm-8pm we will decorate Nov. 30-1. We will talk more about decorating with Department of Public works and Fire Dept. P.Fick will reach out to Santa and G. Sciala to help at the tree lighting event. We will collect non perishable food donations for Kirkpatrick church. Song books will be updated.

AJOURNMENT - A motion was made by P. Fick to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 P.M. that was second by T. Zengel and carried unanimously.

Sara Monus, Parks and Recreation Secretary
